

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of initiating a security procedure within a building having a security system for controlling the security procedure comprising the steps of:

- 5       a. generating a virtual key in response to an occurrence of a certain event related to a security procedure in a building;
- b. transmitting the virtual key to a selected person; and
- c. initiating the security procedure within the building when the selected person identifies himself with the virtual key to a security system of the building.

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2. The method according to Claim 1 wherein a certain code is assigned to the virtual key by a selected encryption method.

3. The method according to Claim 1 including adding a signature to the virtual  
15 key with which the selected person can identify himself to third parties as an authorized person.

4. The method according to Claim 1 wherein a type of the security procedure depends upon a type of certain event.

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5. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the security procedure controls an elevator in the building.

6. The method according to one of Claim 1 wherein the selected person to  
25 whom the virtual key is transmitted depends upon a type of the certain event.

7. The method according to Claim 1 including checking whether a previously generated virtual key exists for the selected person and, if so, whether the previously generated virtual key is being used with modification.

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8. The method according to Claim 1 including checking whether a previously generated virtual key exists and fulfils security requirements of the security system and, if necessary, generating a new or augmented virtual key.

5 9. The method according to Claim 1 including checking what means are available to the selected person to identify himself and selecting a suitable one of the available means.

10. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the selected person identifies  
10 himself when receiving the virtual key.

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